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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PERON IS DEAD: WITH THE DEATH OF JUAN DOMINGO PERON, MARIA ESTELLA (ISABEL) DE PERON BECOMES THE WORLD'S FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT AND, AT THE AGE OF 43, PRESENTLY THE YOUNGEST HEAD OF STATE IN LATIN AMERICA. (STATE/TICKER)

2. CHILEAN CABINET, PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS RESIGN: ALL 15 CABINET MEMBERS AND ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO THE SUPREME HEAD OF STATE GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET. (TICKER)

3. DEAD HEAT IN ICELANDIC ELECTIONS: AS PREDICTED, IT APPEARS THE ELECTION WAS A LEFT/RIGHT STALEMATE AS EACH COALITION GAINED 30 SEATS. THE CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENCE PARTY (IP) COLLECTED 42.8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE (25 SEATS), UP FROM 36.2 PERCENT (22 SEATS) IN 1971 AND THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED PEOPLES' ALLIANCE (PA) UPPED ITS PERCENTAGE OF  
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THE VOTE FROM 17.1 TO 18.3 AND ITS NUMBER OF SEATS FROM

10 TO 11. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL FORM A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT, AND THE IP, AS WINNER OF THE MOST SEATS, WILL PROBABLY GET FIRST CRACK AT FORMING A GOVERNMENT. STATE)

4. MAKARIOS TO EXPEL 650 GREEK OFFICERS: THE ARCHBISHOP CLAIMS THAT MEMBERS OF THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD ARE HATCHING ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AND SUPPLYING ARMS TO GUERRILLAS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN THREATENED "AN IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE PEOPLE'S RESISTANCE" IF A COUP RESULTED FROM THE EXPULSION. THE NATIONAL GUARD IS STAFFED BY GREEK OFFICERS UNDER CONTRACT TO CYPRUS. (TICKER)

5. PLO PROMISES LEBANON TO "FREEZE" TERRORIST OPERATIONS: THREE OF ARAFAT'S TOP AIDES CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER SOLH ON JUNE 30 TO INFORM THE GOL OF THE PLO DECISION TO "FREEZE" ALL OPERATIONS FROM LEBANON AND SUSPEND THE INFILTRATION OF TERRORISTS FROM SOUTH LEBANON, ALLEGEDLY TO DENY ISRAEL THE PRETEXT FOR FURTHER ATTACKS OF LEBANON. ARAFAT'S EMISSARIES ALSO PROPOSED A COMMON PALESTINIAN-LEBANESE POSITION AT THE CAIRO MEETING OF THE ARAB FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS, AND JOINT EFFORTS TO RESTORE CALM IN FEDAYEEN CAMPS. EMBASSY BEIRUT NOTES THAT THE FOLLOWING MAY HAVE BEEN FACTORS IN THE APPARENT ABOUT-FACE OF THE PLO:

--BOTH PRIME MINISTER SOLH AND ARAFAT HAVE HELD RECENT TALKS IN DAMASCUS WITH SYRIAN LEADERS, AND SYRIA MAY HAVE PRESSURED THE PALESTINIANS TO CEASE ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD DRAG IT INTO A NEW CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL.

--THE DETERIORATING PALESTINIAN IMAGE IN LEBANON, ENHANCED BY THE JUNE 28 INTER-FEDAYEEN BLOOD-LETTING, CAUSED ARAFAT TO SHIFT TO A CONCILIATORY POSITION.

THE EMBASSY WARNS THAT SIMILAR PLO ASSURANCES TO THE GOL HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST AND, IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF COHESION AND DISCIPLINE IN PALESTINIAN RANKS, HAVE BEEN IGNORED BY RADICAL ELEMENTS AND HAVE BEEN OF LITTLE SECRET

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VALUE. (STATE)

6. BOURGUIBA WINDS UP VISIT TO MOROCCO: ALTHOUGH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS BLAND AND UNINFORMATIVE, IT APPEARS THAT THE VISIT RESTORED TUNISIAN-MOROCCAN RELATIONS TO NORMAL FOLLOWING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT AROSE AFTER THE ABORTIVE TUNISIAN-LIBYAN MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT AND ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION BY MOROCCANS AGAINST BOURGUIBA'S

FAMILY. (STATE)

7. TURKEY RESCINDS POPPY BAN: THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JULY 1 APPROVED A DECREE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION IN SIX PROVINCES AND PART OF KONYA. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT EXPLAINED TO OUR AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS GOING "TO ASK THE UNITED NATIONS TO GIVE ADVICE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND THAT ALL THE CONTROL MEASURES ADVISED WOULD BE TAKEN, AND THAT THE TURKISH NATION WILL ACT WITH FULL CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WORLD." OUR AMBASSADOR URGED ECEVIT TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION, AS IT CARRIED THE GRAVEST RISKS OF SETTING BACK OUR BATTLE AGAINST HEROIN AND OF DOING ENORMOUS DAMAGE TO THE US-TURKISH SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. (STATE) SISCO

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